

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL W. CATALANO, ET AL.,

Defendants.

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No. 3:08mc0298

Judge Campbell

ORDER

The Court has before it a *pro se* prisoner complaint brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The plaintiff also has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

It appears from his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* that the plaintiff lacks sufficient financial resources to pay the filing fee. Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4), the Clerk will **FILE** the complaint *in forma pauperis*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

The plaintiff is herewith assessed the civil filing fee of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(b)(1)(A) and (B), the custodian of the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account at the institution where he now resides is directed to submit to the Clerk of Court, as an initial payment, whichever is the greater of:

- (a) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly deposits to the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account; or
- (b) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly balance in the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account for the prior six (6) months.

Thereafter, the custodian shall submit twenty percent (20%) of the plaintiff's preceding monthly income, or income credited to the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account for the preceding month, but

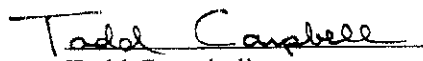
only when his monthly income exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00). Payments shall continue until the \$350.00 filing fee has been paid in full to the Clerk of Court as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

As provided in the Memorandum entered contemporaneously herewith, the plaintiff's complaint is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim on which relief may be granted. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(b)(ii) and 1915A(b)(1). Since an appeal from the judgment rendered herein would **NOT** be taken in good faith, the plaintiff is **NOT** certified to pursue an appeal from this judgment *in forma pauperis*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-46 (1962). Nevertheless, should the plaintiff decide to file a notice of appeal, he either must pay the Clerk of Court the full appellate filing fee of four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$455.00), or submit a new application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with a certified copy of his inmate trust account statement for the previous six (6) month period. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)(1) & (a)(2); *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 605 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this order to the Warden at the Northwest Correctional Complex to ensure that the custodian of the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account complies with the portion of the Prison Litigation Reform Act that pertains to the payment of filing fees.

Entry of this order shall constitute the judgment in this action.

It is so **ORDERED**.

  
Todd Campbell  
United States District Judge